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February – March Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Well, it looks like the weather is finally going to give us a bit of a break as we get closer to Spring! While every month is a busy one for Miles Macdonell, February was exciting as we hosted our annual Open House and we welcomed our middle school feeder students for tours and presentations. We also held our annual post-secondary fair and Registration Day on February 28. It was wonderful to see so many parents in the school with their children on that busy day.

Our new gym is nearing completion. I posted a short video of the inside of the new the gym last Friday on Instagram. It looks like all our projects should be completed and ready for us to use starting in September 2019. As a reminder here are the scheduled projects:

- GYM A will become four new classrooms, an art room and two seminar rooms
- The old art room will become two large, connected classroom spaces
- The change room area in Gym A will become a football dressing room, multi-purpose room and an athletic training area
- Gym B will become change rooms, a dance studio and a large fitness centre

The new construction and the corresponding renovations will be a huge support for all programs! We will keep you posted on construction. Have a safe spring break!

Mark Bruce,
Principal



Attendance Telephone Number



Did you know that Miles Macdonell has a designated Attendance Line?

This is the phone number you can and **should** call when reporting a student absence.

You can leave a message on this line stating your student's name, the date and the reason for the absence at the following number:

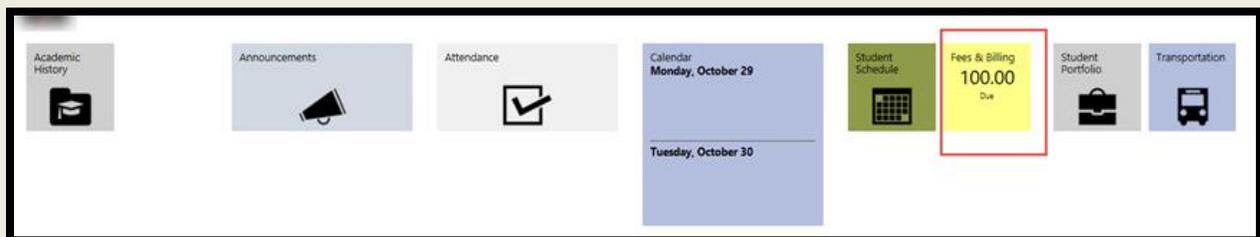
**MMC Attendance Line:
204-663-4068**

PLEASE USE THIS NUMBER WHEN REPORTING ANY ABSENCE

Pay Pal!

Did you know that you can pay your student's outstanding fees online? You can sign in to the Parent Portal and you will see a series of tiles, one of which is "Fees & Billing". Fees owing are visible and you now have the option of paying for outstanding fees this way. There is a nominal fee to use this service.

You can also continue to pay any outstanding fee with cash or cheques.



Alumni in the News

Former MMC student Greg Schoen had a graphic novel released. Arcana Studios has big plans for this story and we may see it on the big screen sometime soon.

The first few issues were originally released in 2016 as black and white eBook- check out [one of the 5 star reviews](https://www.comiccrusaders.com/review-raygun-1/) at <https://www.comiccrusaders.com/review-raygun-1/>



ESD/Social Sciences

Social Sciences News

The Miles Macdonell Social Sciences Department and the student ESD group (Education for Sustainable Development) student and staff groups have had a busy past couple of months promoting citizenship, stewardship and sustainability in the school. Here are some of the highlights of what the group has been working on so far this year:

Stationary and Electronics Recycling Initiatives

ESD had launched a program in which used writing instruments are collected in boxes in each classroom. The materials are dropped off at the nearest participating Staples store to be recycled. Once collected, the writing instruments are separated by material composition. The separated items are then cleaned, shredded, and made into new recycled products. In March an electronics recycling program will also be launched in which students that bring in old electronics will be entered in a monthly draw to win a gift card to a sustainable local business.

Caring for Our Watersheds Projects

Mr. Fritzsche and Ms. Street's Geography classes will be taking part in the Agrium "Caring for Our Watersheds" competition. One group of students is doing this as a cross curricular project in their Math (Ms. McBride), Science (Ms. Propp) and English (Mr. Washnuk) classes as well. Last year one Miles Mac students placed in the Top 10 in the province (out of 265 entries). The MMC ESD group is currently in the process of implementing one of the projects from a previous year- constructing a Lake WPG art mural out of reusable items.

Earth Day

Save the date- on Tuesday April 23rd, we will be hosting our fourth annual Earth Day at MMC! Last year students and staff had the opportunity to engage with several leaders and organizations in the environmental community. This year's event promises to be even more exciting! Leading presenters from the field will be speaking to students and there will be a variety of workshops available for students to take part in. There will also be lunch hour activities including a clothing swap and a local cinnamon bun and fair-trade coffee fundraiser. Following the event, students will take their learning back to

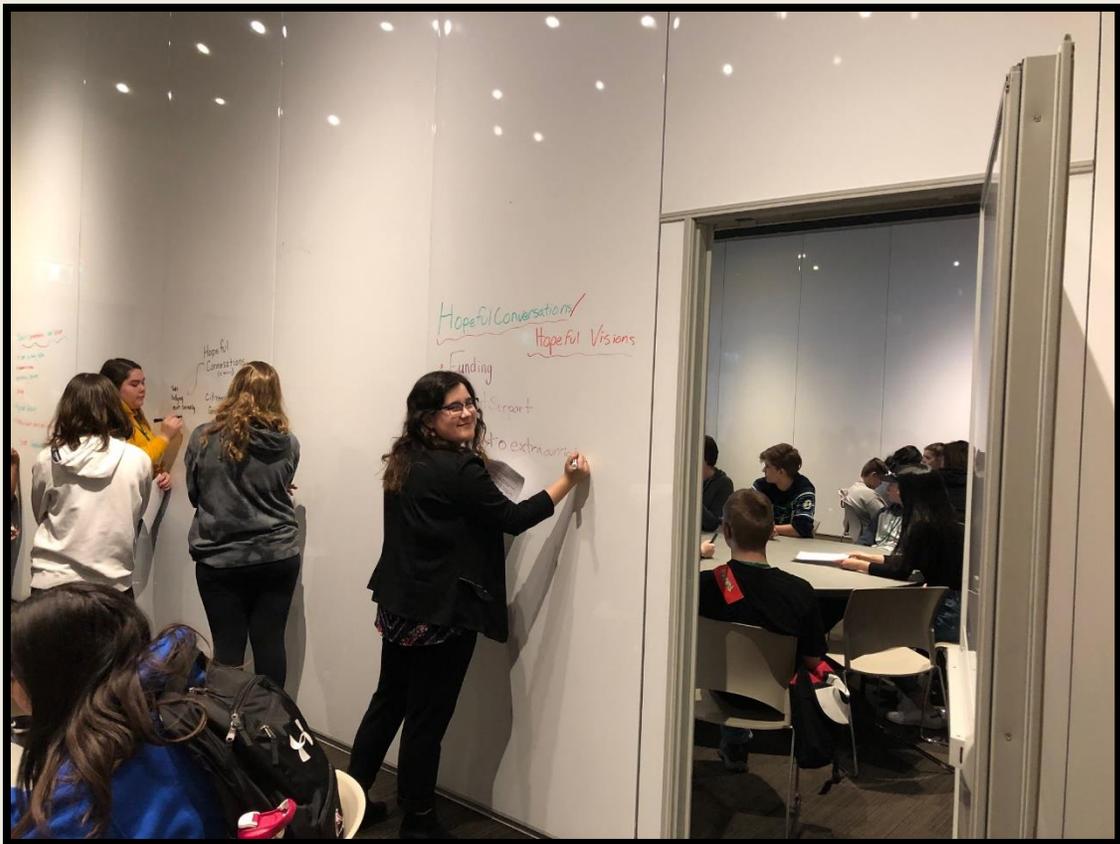
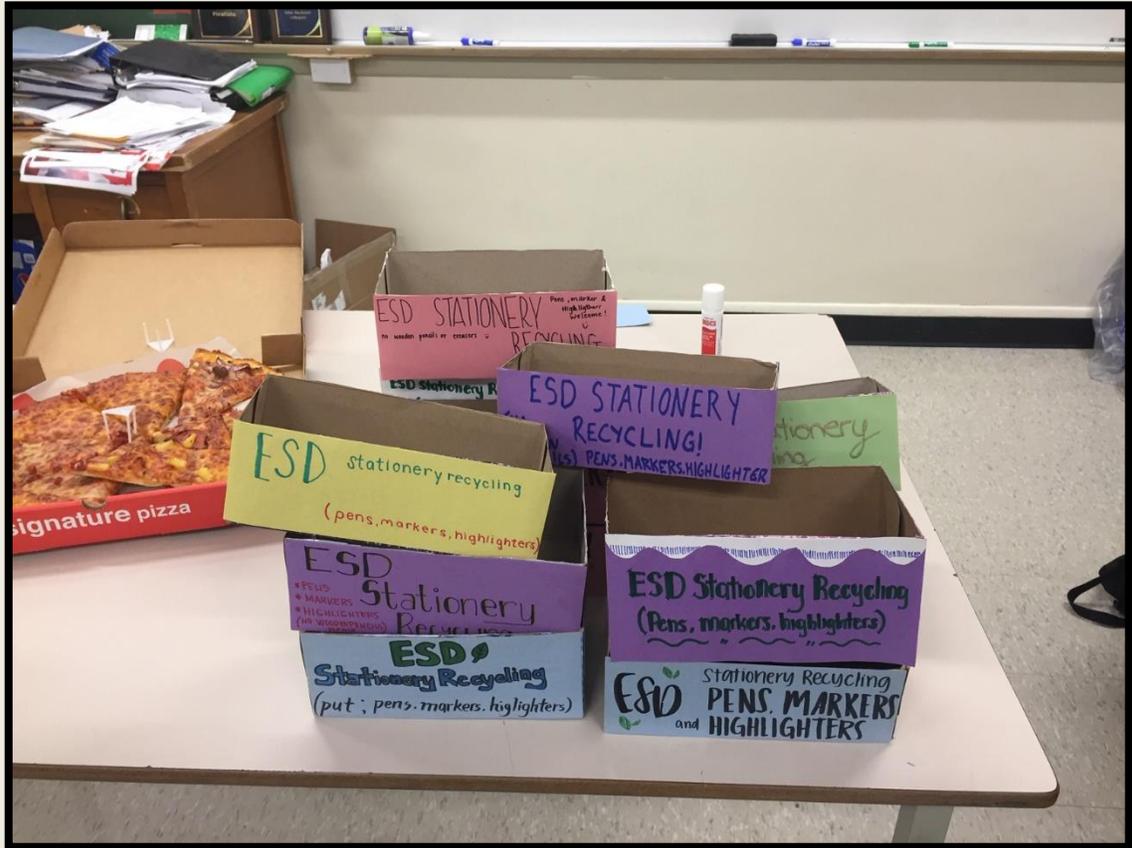
their Teacher Advisor Groups and come up with proposals to implement that will effect positive environmental change at Miles Mac and the community.

Conferences

ESD and Social Sciences students have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of conferences in January and February including the Global Issues 180 Inquiry Project at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the Student Leadership Conference at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights where our amazing MMC student leaders had the opportunity to share their vision for the future of education in Manitoba with members of the Council of School Leaders and the Learning for a Sustainable Future Conference at the Canadian Mennonite University where our ESD co-chairs Kristen Semenko and Fiona Limbo were keynote speakers at the event as well as workshop presenters for how to organize and implement an Earth Day event in a school. ESD students Charelle Constantino, Kathy Nguyen and Jenna Semenko also facilitated a DIY workshop on how to make re-usable food wrap using material and bees wax. These workshops were the only ones at the conference that were put on by students and were ranked as the top workshops at the entire conference by the youth participants from other schools that attended! Other upcoming events that students will be participating in over the next couple of months include the Arctic Science Day at Ft. Whyte, The National Ethics Bowl at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and the Model United Nations.









Drama

We had a very successful run of our production of Frankenstein. Congratulations to all of those who were involved! The cast spent countless hours rehearsing the play, and the crew worked incredibly hard to get all the production elements together, including lighting, sound, stage management, costumes, props, and marketing. The show ran for four nights, from March 4th-March 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support us, and we hope that you enjoyed the show!







Mary Shelley – author of Frankenstein

Dance

Dance students go to see the Royal Winnipeg Ballet production of Romeo and Juliet

On Thursday, February 14th, Madame Ybanez and the students in her Dance 30S/40S class went to see the ballet Romeo and Juliet at the Centennial Concert Hall. All students were amazed at the beautiful choreography and the incredible talent of the dancers. The music by Prokofiev was very stirring and the last scene of the ballet when Juliet wakes up brought some students to tears. Some favourite parts of the ballet: the sword fighting scenes, the costumes and the sets, and how the story of the ballet was told through movement.



The students had a great time and were very excited the next week in class when they started to learn ballet.

DANCE CREW 2019

On Friday March 1st, over 50 dancers auditioned for a place on the MMC Dance Crew. Brendon Virtucio, our guest Hip Hop choreographer, taught the students a short dance and after practicing with Brendon and by themselves, the students were separated into small groups to show what they had learned. The students were evaluated on their ability to pick up choreography and to integrate the different details that Brendon specified. It was so difficult to choose the members of the crew, as the talent was incredible.

Here are the members of the MMC Dance Crew 2019:

Hans Arellano, Myah Malchuk, Kim Mercado, David Ly, Laurene Cruz, Keana Luna, Lucas Choi, Arianna Vance-Moraca, Althea Quinto, Katrina Astano, Madi Beaton, Carlo Villarin, Brianna Salangasang, Jen Remocal, Dani Beltran, Taylor Keen, Jovic Ramos, Symone Delfin, Elizabeth White.

Congratulations to all these dancers!!



These dancers will be performing at different school events and dance showcases throughout the city to represent Miles Mac and the dance programme.



DANCING WITH THE STAFF – SEASON 3

Once again, the dance students with members of the staff from Miles Mac will be putting on their year end show, Dancing with the Staff. Members of the staff are divided into groups with students and together they learn a dance to perform in front of an audience and a panel of celebrity judges. Last year, the theatre was standing room only to see the 28 staff members dance the night away. The evening also showcases the different dance classes at Miles Mac and choreography by students. All profits from this evening go to support the dance programme and the different field trips and projects associated with this programme.

The show this year will be on Thursday, May 23rd at 7pm in the theatre at Miles Macdonell Collegiate. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets

will go on sale 2 weeks prior to the show and will be available through students participating and at the office.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!!



Track

The Indoor Track team has had a great start to the season taking part in the High School Track and Field Championship Series at the University of Manitoba Max Bell Centre. After participating in the first 4 meets, the team has had some very impressive results. The following athletes placed in the top 12 overall in their events and have qualified to participate in the Championship Meet which will take place on Thursday March 13th, 2019. The team is also training for the KPAC championships which will be taking place on Wednesday March 20th.

JV Girls 60m- Teanna Gagne and Kara McMillan

JV Girls 200m- Teanna Gagne

JV Girls 60m Hurdles- Kara McMillan

JV Girls Medley Relay- Team A and B

JV Girls High Jump- Shailyn Roberts-Bagg

JV Girls Shot Put- Hailey Browning

JV Boys Shot Put- Ethan Macario

Varsity Girls 60m- Alicia Reubens

Varsity Girls 200m- Donnae Gordon

Varsity Girls 60m Hurdles- Paige Oberlin

Varsity Boys 60m- Jordan Soufi

Varsity Boys 400m- Brandon Spulnick

Varsity Boys 800m- Brandon Spulnick

Varsity Boys 1500m- Brandon Spulnick

Varsity Boys Medley Team

Varsity Boys High Jump- Nkunda Kambaja

Varsity Boys High Jump- Jonathan Chausse



Girls Curling

Congratulations goes out to Shaun Best and the Varsity Girls curling team, as they captured the KPAC championship. They played in the Provincials February 21st-23rd, in Somerset, Manitoba. Well done team!



Boys Curling

Congratulations to Ryan Tabas and the boys curling team who defeated West Kildonan Collegiate in a thrilling KPAC conference final with a score of 8-7 on February 11th. Miles Mac had both the boys and girls' teams representing the KPAC conference at the Provincial championships Feb 21-23 in Somerset, Manitoba!



Languages Department

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日本の旅行

NIHON NO RYOKOU (Japan Trip)

In December of 2018, seven lucky students were selected by the Consul General of Japan to take part in the Kakehashi Project. The aim of this project is to help “build bridges” between the culture and people of Japan and the rest of the world. Due to the service of teaching Japanese for over 25 years at Miles Macdonell, the government of Japan awarded the school and these lucky students this trip, for FREE!

The tour included 7 days in Japan between January 28 and February 5, exploring Nagoya Castle, a high school visit, the Toyota car factory, a three-day homestay, sight seeing, eating real Japanese food, exploring Shibuya with its famous scramble crosswalk, seeing fashionable Harajuku, and riding the famous “Bullet Train” or Shinkansen as it is called in Japanese, to just name a few of the things students did.

Students returned to Winnipeg fully exhausted from the whirlwind tour, but still with enough energy to miss their Japanese homestay families and have a better understanding of the culture and people of Japan.



Japanese Restaurant



Mikoshi



Shibuya at night



Homestay participants from taiki town

Miles Macdonell Alumni Association

Here is a wonderful way to stay connected to Miles Macdonell Collegiate!

Please consider joining the Alumni Association.

Most importantly, this is the group that organizes multi-year reunions for all MMC graduates.

The Alumni Association also carries on a few activities that are of value to current and former students alike, such as:

- Scholarships for graduating students
- Grants for changes to and equipment for the school
- Pizza lunches for EAL students
- Sale of digital versions of MMC Year Books dating back to 1952-53.

With the next major milestone reunion expected to be the 75th in 2027, the current slate of Association directors is unlikely to be the group that organizes it.

In addition, the funds in the trust that allows the Association to provide the scholarships and other grants for school changes and equipment will require on-going attention.

The best ways you can get in touch with the group are by visiting and liking their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MMCAA, or you can contact the current Board of Directors elected officers directly via email as follows:

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- *Secretary – Maureen Silk* mtsilk@shaw.ca

Other Directors are – Rick Dondo and Carmen Dondo

They look forward to hearing from you!



